

In the Specification:

Please replace the following amended paragraphs:

Page 2, paragraph 2, lines 4 to 12 insert the following paragraph:

It is common for the sows in a gestation stall to be fed simply by a drop tube which deposits a measured quantity of feed onto the floor of the stall. An example of an arrangement of the type is shown in as fully described and claimed in United States application filed April 14, 2003, Serial No: 10/412,665 entitled "**PEN AND ATTACHED FEEDING APPARATUS FOR AN ANIMAL**", and in corresponding Canadian application ~~INSERT~~ filed March 12, 2004, Serial No: 2,460,880. The deposit of feed onto the floor in this manner is possible using a drop tube which drops substantially all of the feed simultaneously onto the floor in a measured quantity. However this system tends for feed to be wasted and requires control of the measurement of the quantities.